

Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

Committee + invited members

Ben Dawson (BD)
Paul Dawson (PD)
Matt Goodwin (MG)
Jeremy Paterson (JP)
Hayley Reynolds (HR)
Geoff Playford (GP)
Rebecca Hover (RH)

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting



Flo Playford – Apologies
Tony Spain – Apologies
Lewis Elgar – Apologies
Andrew Shepherd – Apologies
Peter Baxter – Apologies
Julia Sime – Apologies
Graham Bingham – Apologies
Cathie Elgar – Apologies
James Chamberlain – Apologies

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Apologies

Discussion

Apologies were received from those listed above who were invited to the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Previous Meeting Minutes

Discussion

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th November (with a couple of minor *errata*) were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Items of action that remain outstanding:

- TS to replenish 1st aid kits.
- BD to chase DC regarding access to kit room.
- JP to contact Paul Goodman

Agenda Item 3: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

Grass pitches

No update.

Carpark / Grounds

HR updated that she and PD have submitted the £7.5k funding application from ABC and it had been approved by the local Councillor, Phil Simms. It is now awaiting review by ABC with a decision in hopefully January. HR thanked all involved.

Astro turf

MG / LE commented that there were a few places in the wire fencing that needs repairing. JP volunteered to speak to Gurney White to see if he had the necessary tooling. LE also commented that the side boards of the goals needed replacing and volunteered to obtain a quote.

Action Items:

JP to contact GW re fencing

LE to obtain quotes for boarding

Agenda Item 4: Site Hire Review

Discussion

PD updated that TP is letting the car-park team know when the site appears to be going to busy and all working well.

Agenda Item 5: Development Committee

Discussion

PD updated that the outline planning application would be being submitted to ABC before Christmas. He commented that the Kick Off meeting on 23rd November (local residents etc invited) had gone very well and that all relevant parties were in the loop – KJFC, ABC, Sport England, local councillors etc. GP made a request that should any of the Committee be approached on the subject, they pass the query to PD and Roger Lightfoot. The Committee agreed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

AS updated that the accounts are in order. Looking positive – approximately £8.5k in bank.

Agenda Item 7: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

13th January 2017 – Quiz Night. Need more tables!

Celebration Day is tbc in January.

30th December – working party. Volunteers needed - please speak to PD.

Agenda Item 8: Juniors

Discussion

LE updated that it had been an excellent first half to the season and well done to all involved.

PD expressed thanks to ALL junior organisers, especially the Elgars!

Agenda Item 9: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S
 - a. JP updated that FP had obtained 2 quotes for complete re-carpeting of the clubhouse; £3.3k or £2.6k. Could we share this with B&B? To be discussed at January's meeting.
2. Coaching – BD commented that Monday night coaching is still a problem. PD suggested that it be cancelled until February, but if people want to come up for a knock around, then all OK.
3. Website – MG confirmed that he is in discussion with Fixtures Live re a new format, and is trialling with them. MG also confirmed that to add photos a new plugin needs to be installed / trialled. PD asked for an updated before the January meeting.
4. Umpiring. BD commented that we are struggling, as are KHUA. KHUA are not allocating umpires to L2s matches post-Christmas. It was commented that respect levels shown to umpires seems to be dropping a little; JP offered to draft something to be posted on the website.
5. RH asked if the Club would like to do a PR event with Alex Danson & Susannah Townsend – although they may charge. PD said yes in principle, but speak to LE before going ahead.
6. RH also commented that she will shortly be going off on maternity leave and as such, will not be attending the next few meetings – PD wished her all the best from AHC.
7. HR updated that she will be doing the posters to promote the Club, not JC.
8. BD updated that the M4s are still struggling to put out teams but is confident we can get to the end of the year and review then.
9. PR commented about site tidiness – litter, bottles etc. It was agreed that there should be a rota between all senior teams (Mens' and Ladies). BD to speak to all Captains and then draw up a rota.

Action Items:

JP to draft communication re respect shown to umpires

RH to review and propose PR event.

HR to develop promotional posters

BD to create rota for weekly site tidy across all senior teams.

The meeting closed at 21h00. January meeting will be Monday 9th January.